

St Stephen's Church Centre (the Parish of New Town and the Hythe)



Legacy Policy

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Policy Statement

We welcome all gifts in wills, however large or small. **It is the Policy of the PCC to ensure that your gift will be used to make a difference to our parish; whether this is for general purposes to ensure the continuation of our Christian presence and work in the parish or to support with the funding of more significant mission and / or development projects.**

Since needs change over the years, we encourage you to leave a gift in your will for the general purposes of the parish rather than for a restricted purpose. We will however discuss possible uses of your gift with your executors when the time comes, bearing in mind your known areas of interest in the church and the church's priorities at the time.

You can be confident that your gift will be used to make a real difference to **our future mission and ministry**. The following link to The National Council for Voluntary Organisations web site: <https://knowhow.ncvo.org.uk/how-to/how-to-ask-for-legacies-guide#> [1] might be of interest.

We acknowledge gifts in whatever way the donor and/or his/her executors feel most appropriate to. Equally, we can make sure that gifts remain anonymous if the donor prefers.

If you would like to talk to someone in confidence about the sorts of purposes your gift might fund, and how / if you would like your gift to be acknowledged, please contact the Incumbent, Treasurer or Church Wardens.

If you would like to make a gift to our church in memoriam, please come and discuss this with us too. It can be a wonderful and appropriate way to remember a loved one.

This policy was adopted by the PCC on 06 July 2020.

[1] <https://knowhow.ncvo.org.uk/how-to/how-to-ask-for-legacies-guide#>

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